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BAPTIST EDITORS IN SESSION HERE

Meeting of the Southern Press Assciation.

MANY PAPERS READ

Matters Affecting Publishing Interests are Freely Discussed.

DR. EATON MAY BE PRESIDENT.

The Business Session Is to Be Held To-Day and a Banquet to Be Given To-Night-Fine Addresses Last Night by Prominent Men-Those Who

The Baptist editors of the South composing the Southern Baptist Press Association are here in annual meeting. The session opened yesterday morning at the Grace-Street Baptist Church and will continue through to-day.

Yesterday was devoted mainly to the introductory exercises and to the reading of papers and discussions, which latter will be continued to-day, followed by the business session. To-night there

will be a grand banquet at the Jefferson tendered to the visitors by Mr. B. F. Johnson, of this city.

The morning session was called to order yesterday at 10 o'clock, Dr. A. S. Dickinson filling the chair in the absence of the president Dr. J. C. Armstrong, of of the president, Dr. J. C. Armstrong, of St. Louis. A short devotional service was held, led by Rev. T. J. Bailey, after

which the session proper began.

Dr. William E. Hatcher delivered the address of welcome, speaking on behalf of his church, in which the meeting is being held, and of the Baptist pastors of the city. In his greeting he dwelt on the broader spirit of brotherhood which menifested itself in the operations. on the broader spirit of brotherhood which manifested itself in the operations of the religious journalism of to-day, contrasting it with the spirit of antogonism which existed many years ago. Dr. J. N. Prestridge made the response.

Mr. J. S. Dickerson, editor of the Standard, Chicago, read a highly inter-esting paper on "The Religious Press of He said that there was strong and increasing tendency among the people to read religious newspapers and that the secular press had lost in a great measures the influence it once wielded over the masses. Mr. Dickerson was followed by Drs. G. W. Lasher, of was followed by Drs. G. W. Basher, of the Journal and Messenger, and A. E. Dickinson, of the Religious Herald, of this city, who spoke on "The Baptist Paper for the Twentieth Century." The subject was further discussed, at the conclusion of the able addresses of Drs. Checketson of the able addresses of Dis.
Lasher and Dickinson, by Dr. E. E.
Folk, of the Baptist and Reflector, and
Dr. T. T. Eaton. The last address scheduled for the morning. "The Paper and
the Pastor," by Rev. J. D. Williams and
Rev. R. M. Boone, was postponed until

The association adjourned shortly after o'clock after adopting the following reso-

Resolved. That the representatives of the local press be invited to attend the session of this association and to go with us on our rides over the city." NIGHT SESSION.

The session last night was more largely attended and if anything more generally interesting than the morning. It was called to order about 8:30 o'clock by Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, who was called to the chair in the absence of Dr. A. E. Dickinson, temporary president.

The evening was given over to the stream of the denominational paper.

The evening was given over to discussion of the denominational paper and its relations, the first subject being "The Denominational Paper and the Seminary," which was very ably presented by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Mullins spoke on the relations of the paper to the seminary and the seminary to the paper. He recognized the kindly feeling existing between the two and went on to tell how they could be mutually helpful to each other. He said that among other things the seminary was of service to the papers in producing wide-awake preachers who became subscribers and advocates of the papers; in turning out writers and furnishing editors; and in raising the stand ard of intelligence and thus preparing the field for the enlarged circulation of the

paper.

Speaking of the paper, Dr. Mullins said that the attitude it might assume toward the seminary might be one of open antogonism, or avowed friendship and secret hostility, or open and avowed and secret hostility, or open and avowed friendship, which latter he presumed that all held. He said that one of the great privileges of the paper was that of criticism, but this criticism should be open, not covered; explicit, not vague, such as would help, not hinder, and was worth while, not petty nagging, and worth while, not petty nagging, and finally criticism which was based on es-tablished facts, not on mere rumors. He closed his remarks by saying that without the aid of the papers the seminary's hands would be tied. He thanked them cordially for their help in the past and

cordially for their help in the past and hoped for further co-operation.

THE PAPERS AND BOARDS.

"The Denominational Paper and the Boards—Their Reciprocal Relations," was the next subject opened by Dr. E. E. the next subject opened by Dr. E. E. Felk, with a paper on "From the Paper's Standpoint." He was followed by Dr. R. J. Willingham, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, with an address "From the Board's Standpoint."

Dr. Folk said both the papers and the board's are denominational institutions.

boards are denominational institutions, the boards being controlled directly by the denomination and the papers indi-rectly. The papers, he said, are pub-lished in the interest of the Baptist peo-ple, and the boards represent the great body of the denomination. He said that the papers owe the boards to publish whatever they ask; to criticise their ac-tions in a brotherly spirit, and the size the boards being controlled directly by whatever they ask; to criticise their ac-tions in a brotherly spirit, and to give them loyal sympathy and support. The board, on the other hand, he thought, owed it to the paper to make it a medium of communication and to furnish it with all necessary information about its work. The two should work together, he

the boards should have organs of their own, and ably defended the idea.

Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, secretary of the Home Mission Board, was called upon by the chairman. He said he wished to see the day when the papers could give more attention to the work of the boards, furnishing more space in their weekly issues. Rev. R. M. Barne, editor of the Baptist Chronicle, followed, and said that on his part he was perfectly willing to publish full information of the mission work, provided he could get it, and suggested that the paper which would not follow his example was not working to the best interests of the denomination. He said that the boards could accomplish their desires in having the matter published by sending it to the papers, he published by sending it to the papers, he

published by sending it to the papers, are thought.

The session closed with prayer by Dr. John H. Eager, of Baltimore.

THOSE THERE.

The following papers were represented at the meetings: Baptist Argus, J. N. Prestridge; Baptist Banner, J. D. Williams; Prestridge; Baptist Banner, J. D. Williams;
Eaptist Chronicle, R. M. Boone and wife;
Baptist Courier, A. J. S. Thomas and
wife; Baptist and Reflector, Edgar E.
Folk and sister, Miss May B. Folk: Baptist Teacher, J. M. Frost and daughter,
Miss Margaret Frost; Baptist Union,
T. B. Thames; Foreign Mission Journal,
R. J. Willingham and daughter; Our
Home Field, F. H. Kerfoot; Religious
Herald, A. E. Dickinson and wife and
R. H. Pitt and wife; The Baptist, T. J.
Bailey and daughter, Miss Mattle Bailey;
Kind Words, J. J. Van Ness and wife;
South Carolina Baptist, G. W. Gardner,
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South Carolina Baptist, C. W. Gardner.
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G. W. Lasher, editor of the Journal and
Messenger, Cincinnati; Mr. J. S. Dickerson, editor of the Standard, Chicago;
Mr. G. H. Clark, editor of the Baptist
Union, Chicago; Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of
Louisville; Dr. John H. Eager, of Baltimore; Rev. R. E. Chambers and Rev.
L. W. Pierce, of China; and the Baptist
pastors of the city.

SESSIONS TO-DAY.

The fellowing programme will be ob-The following programme will be observed to-day:

9:99 A. M. Continuation of session—Devotional Exercises......G. W. Gardner 9:15—Ownership of Baptist Papers

Home......Dr. Roland 10:45—The Number and Personnel of Bapist Papers.....T. T. Eaton, T. P. Bell 11:30—Some Modern Difficulties in Denom-inational Journalism......R. H. Pitt The Paper and the Pastor. J. D. Williams and R. M. Boone, 12:00 M.-Business, Report of Secretary

and Treasurer. Election of Officers. Time and Place of next meeting. 1:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

3 to 6.—Ride over the city. 8.00—Banquet at Jefferson Hotel, With compliments to B. F. Johnson.

Ps. 144:12-15 (R. V.)
Tripartite Education".F. W. Boatwright
"A three-fold cord is not quickly
broken."—Eccl. 4:12.

broken."—Eccl. 4:12.
"The Religious Press".....J. W. Bailey
"Publish in Jerusalem."—Jer. 4:5
"The Books We Need."...J. M. Frost
"And the books, but especially the
parchments."—II. Tim. 4:13.
"Our Country".....E. N. Calisch
"A land which the Lord thy God careth
for."—Deat 11:12

for."-Deut. 11:12.

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MAY BE ELECTED.

The business session to-day promises to be one of considerable interest. Officers will be elected and reports will be received. It has been said that Dr. E. E. Folk will be made president, but this appears to be unlikely. Dr. Folk is now secretary and treasurer and has filled the pastiles long and efficiently and has made. position long and efficiently and has made himself too valuable even to be honored with the presidency, since this would occasion his removal from the other office Dr. T. T. Eaton has been mentioned for this latter office, and it appears probable that he will receive it.

come before the association will be the proposed enlargement of its bounds so as to include the north as well as the south. There was considerable talk of this yesterday but it is known that there is som oposition arising from the fact that the southern editors represent one division of this denomination and the northern

The afternoon yesterday was spent in showing the visitors over the city. Car-raiges were provided and at 3:30 o'clock association members and their hosts were driven around. The inclemency of the weather proved of some inconvenience. but notwithsanding, a very pleasant time was spent. At 5:30 o'clock a reception was tendered them at Richmond College by the faculty and their wives.

WILL EAT ONLY THE UNION BREAD

Painters and Cigar Makers Decide to Support the Striking Bakers.

"We will eat bread that bears the union label, or we will cat positioes," said one of the members of the Painters' Union at the meeting held in Smith's Hall last

The sentiment expressed was approved by the members present, for they re-solved to support the journeymen bakers in their strike. There was an unusually large attendance. Only routine business was transacted, with the exception of the action taken in reference to the bakers.

"We will go without bread, if we can not get that bearing the union label," was what the Cigarmakers' Union said. This body also met at Smith's Hall. 1: decided to stand by the bakers in their strike. The eigarmakers discussed the union labe matter. They are, so one of the members said, meeting with much encouragement in the movement looking to having Rich-mond people smoke home-made cigars bearing the union label.

The Painters' Union spent some time in discussing and perfecting plans for the co-operative paint shop. It was decided to go ahead with the work, but the details were not made public. The shop will soon be opened.

A number of newspaper carriers met last night at Smith's Hall and decided to form a union. Plans will be perfected at a meeting to be held next Wednesday night, when officers will be chosen. Th

SWANSON AND MARTIN HERE

Will Fight to Capture Richmond Delegate.

WILL CONFER TO-DAY.

State Headquarters to be Under Direction of Mr. Martin.

GOSSIP OF LABOR LEADERS.

The Council May Advise Members to Stay Out of the Primary-Letter from Mr. Bryan-Mr. Montague Thanks the Trades Council-Hanover Democrats-Political Talk.

Politics will look up in Richmond from now on, and the gubernatorial race is expected to get very warm. Congressman Swanson and Senator Martin arrived here last night, and will wage a hot battle in the interest of Mr. Swanson's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The Fifth District Congressman

came down from Washington, and was in fine spirits when he walked into Murphy's lobby. He said he left Mrs. Swanson very much improved, and he believed she would soon be well again. He did not care to discuss politics for publication, but talked like he was satisfied with

tion, but talked like he was satisfied with the outlook for his nomination. Senator Martin is stopping at the Jefferson and did not come down to Murphy's last night. He is expected to join his friend, Mr. Swanson, to-day, and the heads of the two leaders will go together in an effort to devise some scheme to capture a good part of the Richmond delegation for the Congressman. While no definite plans have been given out, it is gation for the Congressman. While his definite plans have been given out, it is expected that Mr. Swanson will engage State headquarters at Murphy's and that Senator Martin will have much to do with the personal conduct of his can-

Some of the prominent Democrats at Murphy's last night were: Hon. E. E. Montague, of Hampton; Senators Jeffries, Massie and Keezell, ex-Senator Jordan, of Hallfax; Mr. John S. Barbour, of Culpeper; Hon. Pembroke Pettit, Judge W. E. Homes, of Boydton, and ex-Senator F. M. Parrish, of Goochland. Attorney-General Montague was in the lobby for a while shaking hands with his friends.

There is still much talk in labor circles

regarding the replies of the candidates for the Censtitutional Convention to the questions sent them by the Trades Coun-cil. Exactly what course will be pursued by the working people will not be decided until the next regular meeting of the council at Ellett's Hall next Tuesday night. Mean-while an address will be issued by Secretary Mullen directing attention to what the council deems inconsistencies in the answers of the candidates and advising the laboring people, if they think it best to go into the primary, to vote as individuals according to their own judgment for five of the best men on the ticket. Several of the leaders were seen last several of the leaders were seen fast night in regard to the rumor that the council would probably advise the work-ing people to stay out of the primary, and there was some difference of opinion smong them on the subject. The matter was discussed in the meeting Tuesday night and may come up at the next meet-ing, though at present there is nothing ing, though at present there is nothing certain about it. So far as endorsing any candidates or bringing out others is concerned there is not the slightest prospect of either course, according to those who are in a position to know.

Secretary Mullen will probably mail letters to the candidates to-day acknowledging receipt of their answers to the communications sent out by the council.

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At the request of some workingmen in Henrico county, the Trades' Council sent the candidates for the convention out there a copy of the questions asked the candidates in this city. Mr. Joseph Bryan has replied as fellows:

nas repned as follows: Richmond, Va., March 18, 1901. Mr. William H. Mullen, Recording and Coresponding Secretary Central Trade and Labor Council, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sir .- I have your favor of the 16th, enclosing certain questions propounded by the Central Trade and Labor Council to candidates for the Constitutional Convention. In reply I beg to say that I am of opinion that all of the subjects to which the questions relate, except the fourth, should properly be passed upon by the Legislature and not be incorporated in the Constitution.

It seems to me to be unwise to put in

the Con stitution a body of law which is liable to constant change or molification, and which belongs to the Code and not to the Constitution.

Your fourth question relates to the submission of the new Constitution to the people for ratification or rejection. I am unquestionably in favor of its submission

to the people.

In general, I may say in regard to the most important of these matters about which you inquire, that I believe we should have a just and equitable liability law, and that I know of no right now belonging to labor organizations which should be impaired.

I think that order should bepreserved I think that order should be preserved as an essential and fundamenal condition of society, but that troops should be used only where absolutely indispensable to that end, and always in subservience to the civil authorities.

I believe with our Supreme Court that

an injunction is the proper remedy where irreparable harm is inevitable without it. Believing that I thus answer substantially what you ask, I am.

Yours very truly, JOS. BRYAN.

Following are the contents of the letter to the Central Trades and Labor Council from Hon. A. J. Montague, thanking the organization for endorsing his candidacy

organization for endorsing his canadacy for Governor:

"I beg you to accept this poor expres-sion of my sincere gratification at the honor you have done me in favoring my candidacy for the Governorship, as ex-pressed in your resolution passed on the 26th ultimo.

"This mark of your confidence is keenly

want each other's help and need it.

Dr. Willingham said that both the boards and the papers are servants of the denomination, working for the advancement of God's kingdom. He delared that one cannot exist without the other, and that they should stand to gether. He spoke to some extent on the gether. He spoke to some extent on the gether. He spoke to some extent on the gether. The spoke to some extent on the gether. The spoke to some extent on the gether. When the spoke to some extent on the gether. The spoke to some extent on the gether as to whether the spoke to some extent on the gether. The spoke to some extent on the gether as to whether the spoke to some extent on the gether. The spoke to some extent on the gether as to whether the spoke to some extent on the gether. The spoke to some extent on the gether as to whether the spoke to some extent on the gether. The spoke to some extent on the gether are preparing to begin, the spoke to some extent on the gether. The smark of your confidence is keenly felt by me, and I can assure you that it elected Governor it will be an abiding stimulus for the faithful discharge of my public duties. I have favored, and still discharge of my public duties. I have favored, and still discharge of my public duties. I have favored, and still discharge of the legislation commonly called the employers liability bill. I think it wise and justice with the still discharge of my public duties. I have favored, and still discharge of my public duties. I have favored, and still discharge of my public duties. I have favored, and still discharge of my public duties. I have favored, and still discharge of my public duties. I have favore

it should have the support of all patriotic citizens."

Nearly all the Republicans who came here to attend the meeting of the State Committee Tuesday night have gone home. Two of them were at Murphy's last night in the persons of Assistant United States District Attorney J. C. Blair, of Wytheville, and Mr. T. J. Alderson, of Wise. Mr. Alderson is a son of the District Attorney for the Western District. These young leaders said the Southwest would send some strong Re-publicans to the Constitutional Conven-tion and they claimed at least five members of that body from the Ninth Dis-

The Hanover county Democratic Com-mittee met at the Courthouse yesterday and fixed April 5th as the date for preand fixed April 8th as the date for precinct primaries to name delegates to a convention to be held at the Courthouse on Wednesday April 17th, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Constitutional Convention from Hanover, and a floater delegate from Hanover and King William. Mr. Hill Carter will be named for the former place, while for the latter it is said that Mr. Herbert I Lewis, of King William, is a favorite. William, is a favorite.

One of the liveliest fights in the State for a seat in the Constitutional Convention is now in progress in Amherst, be-tween Mr. Aubrey E. Strode, a talented and popular young lawyer, and Judge Clarence J. Campbell, of the County Court. Judge Campbell has been an active candidate for several months, and it was at one time thought that he would have no opposition. A long petition, however, signed by 416 Democratic voters of the county was presented to Mr. Strode recently, urging him to become a candidate. Mr. Strode replied in a brief letter, agreeing to run and stating his platform. The two leaders will meet on every hustings in the county and a hot time is expected, as they are both fearless debaters. A primary election will be held on April 20th, to nominate a candidate.

"If anybody takes Parson Massey for a back number he will be very much mis-taken, said a prominent Piedmont Dem-ocrat at Murphy's yesterday. "I was in Charlottesville several days ago," he con-Charlottesville several days ago, he continued, "and a gentleman rode up Main Street on an unbroken colt. The colt was shying and dodging frome one side of the street to the other and would now and then street was also also be also be also force." then stand up and walk on his hind feet.
To my utter astonishment the rider was
Mr. Massey, sitting as erect as a boy,
and bowing like a Chesterfield to his friends." The Democrat said the "Parson" would undoubtedly come to the Constitutional Convention, and that his opstitutional Convention, and that his op-ponents had practically abandoned all hope of beating him.

Captain Warren S. Lurty, of Rocking-ham, made a double-barrelled political announcement to his friends when he came down to attend the meeting of the Republican State Committee Tuesday night. He would run for the Constitutional Convention and would then be candidate for Governor on the Republi-can ticket this year. Capt. Lurty was a candidate for Attorney-General on the ticket with the late General Mahone, in

State Senator John L. Jeffries, of Cul State Senator John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, has returned to the city from Norfolk, where, with Secretary Lawless, he attended the St. Patrick's Day celebration on Wednesday night. When seen last night Mr. Jeffries said he would be here for several days to argue some cases before the Supreme Court. Speaking of politics, the Senator said: "I will be nominated for Attorney-General about the first of August." first of August.'

There is a considerable difference of opinion among lawyers as to whether Judge Wellford's view as to the eligibility of judges of the Supreme and Circuit of judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts to the Constitutional Convention is a correct one. A great many of them hold that the places are not incompatible, for the reason that the position of member of the Constitutional Convention is not an office within the meaning, either of the statutes or the Constitution of the State. It seems excite that

The employes of the William R. Trigg Company were addressed Tuesday in the Company were addressed Tuesday in the moon hour by John Garland Pollard, candidate for the Constitutional Convention Mr. Pollard made a brief address last ing only about fifteen minutes, which was warmly received by the workers.

PORK STILL SOARS. PESSIMISTIC COMMENT.

The Price for May Delivery Advanced Forty-Five Cents.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., March 20.-Pork for May delivery sold at \$16.90 a barrel on the Board of Trade to-day, or 45 cents higher than the price for which it sold yesterday. Shorts were bidding for it all through the session, but holders seemed not at all anxious to sell. Armour & Company is said to be in a posi-tion to manipulate the market.

The market for live hogs was also higher to-day, the best grades selling at \$6 per 100 pounds, the highest price touched in over seven years.

SERIOUS REVOLUTION.

General Andre's Presence in Curacoa Regarded as Indicative of One. (By Associated Press,)

WILLEMSTAD, ISLAND OF CURA-COA. March 20.—General Andre, the for-mer president of Venezuela, has arrived here from San Juan de Porto Rico. It is generally understood that his presence here indicates preparations for a serious revolutionary movement in Venezuela in onnection with the Peraza, Riera, Ro lando, Pictri, and Crespo partisans.

STRUCK OIL.

Good Flow in Southern Portion of West Virginia.

(By Associated Press.) HUNTINGTON, W. VA., March 20.— The first discovery of oil in the southern portion of this State was made to-day in a 300-barrel oil well, drilled at Milton, in this county.

Next Attorney-General.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—It is understood of high authority that the President has decided to appoint P. C. Knox, of Pittsburg, to fill the vacancy in his Cabinet that will be caused by the retirement of Attorney-General Griggs, on April first.

Made Chief Marshal.

MISS GAY RAGLAND WEDS MR. P. CHAMBLISS PLEASANTS.



"Cham and Gay married at 4 o'clock by Rev. E. B. Pollard. Paxton and I The foregoing telegram was sent from Washington to Mr. George D. Pleasants, Jr., of this city, late yesterday afternoon. It told him that Miss Gay Ragland, the sweet singer of Richmond, had become the bride of his brother, Mr. Percival Chambliss Plesants.

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Ragland, the sweet singer of Richmond, had become the bride of his brother, Mr. Percival Chambliss Plesants.

The marriage was in no sense an elopement. The engagement of the young people has been semi-public for some time. The family of each has known for a week or more that the two contemplated going to Washington and being made man and wife. Between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday Mr. Pleasants drove to the residence of his finance and took her to the station. They boarded the noon train for Washington, and the above telegram tells the rest of the story.

Mr. Jack Gregory went to Washington yesterday morning to arrange for the marriage. He is a friend of both of the contracting parties. Mr. W. H. Paxton, of the Southern Railway, formerly a resident of Richmond, but now living in Washington, aided Mr. Gregory in preparing for the wedding. The officiating clergyman is a son of Rev. John Pollard, D. D., of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleasants will spend some time in Washington; will probably visit Baltimore, and return to Richmond by steamer in a week or ten days.

Mr. Pleasants is a son of Mr. George D. Pleasants, and a prominent young business man of this city. He cnjoys wide popularity. Mrs. Pleasants is recognized as one of the finest singers in Richmond. She is the popular soprano of the Second Baptist Church choir, and has won a high reputation on the concert stage. She is, in addition, a young woman of beautiful character and enjoys the love and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

THREE SPLENDID SHIPS BUILDING

They are to Fly Between Newport News, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 20.-The member of the Constitutional Convention is not an office within the meaning, either of the statutes or the Constitution of the State. It seems certain that those judges who are elected will hold their seats in the convention.

ENEWFORT REWS, VA., Marches.—The United States Shipping Company to-night authorized a statement to the effect that it is now having built by Furness, With & Company, for the Newport News, Kotterdam and Amsterdam trade, three splendid new ships to take the places of these new chartered.

splendid new ships to take the places of those now chartered.

They are the "Amsteldyk," "Soesidyk" and "Stoterdyk," named after Holland dykes. The ships will lift \$,500 tons dead weight and have a measurement capacity of 13,000 tons. The first will be in completely about the middle of August, the mission about the middle of August, the second in September, the third in Febru-

London Paper Connects Botha's Refusal With Chinese Situation. (By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 20.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon makes pessimistic comment on General Botha's refusal to accept the peace terms offered by Lord Kitchener, and connects this refusal with the situation in China. The Gazette says the Powers are at sixes and sevens in the Far East, and that any day may see the commencement of a struggle from which the Boers may recover their own.

The failure of these peace negotiations are that the military position in South The failure of these peace means that the military position in South Africa is not yet decisive.

BIG EXHIBITION.

King Edward Said to Contemplate Having One in London.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 29.—The Daily Mail says this morning:
"It is reported in high circles that King Edward contemplates a big exhibition in London on the lines of the Paris Exposition, the idea being to enclose the Thames from Westminster bridge to Albert bridge, including the whole of Battersea Park."

NO TRIUTH N IT.

Southern Pacific Has Not Acquired Mexican National Railroad.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 20.—Charles H.
Tweed said to-day that there was no truth in the story that parties repre-senting the Southern Pacific had acquired a controlling interest in the Mexican National Railroad and that the latter property was to be operated as part of the Southern Pacific system.

CAPT. SHANKS' CAPTURE. The Virginian Is Achieving Distinction in the

Philippines. The Virginia friends of Captain David C. Shanks were much interested in the news that he had captured the big Tagal chief Diocino, on the Island of Pandy,

P. I.

Captain Shanks is a Virginian, and married a Salem lady. After graduating from West Point he served for some time with his regiment, the Eighteenth Infantry, and was then sent to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute as military instructor. He was three years at the

institute and in that time he made the school one of the foremost in the United States from a military point of view. When the Spanish war opened Captain Shanks, then a first lieutenant, was ordered to Richmond to assume the duties of nuster-in officer of the Virginia troops. Later Governor Tyler made him a major of the Second Virginia Infantry, a major of the Second Virginia Infantry, but he never had opportunity to serve with the regiment. Just after the protocol suspending hostilities with Spain was signed Lieutenant Shanks received his commission as captain and was ordered to join the Eighteenth in the Philippines. He was for a long while stationed at Hollo and saw but little active service; later got upon the firing line, and for more than a year now has been having a great deal of real war. He has well sustained the reputation of the sons of Old Virginia.

Added to Regular One Makes Excess Over Invoice Value. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 29 .- The protest of Gustave Ajahn & Company against the assessment of countervailing duty on a lot of Russian sugar imported by was sent to the Board of United States General Appraisers to-day.

The sugar in question was produced

and refined in Russia, although it was shipped via Hamburg. The invoice value was \$15,389; the regular duty was \$13,016. The countervailing duty assessed was \$4,827. The regular and extra duty together thus exceed the invoice value of

Suit for Slander. (By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 20.—B. A. Hawkesly in behalf of Werheim Beits and Com-pany, has brought suit for slander against Arthur B. Markham, M. P., who in the House of Commons, during the discussion of the composition of the Transvaal concessions commission, asserted that the commission was made up of persons affiliated with several of the great South African companies, and characterized Mr. Beit's firm as "Nothing more nor less than a gang of common thieves and swindlers."

Naval Affairs

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 20.—Secretary Long has directed that the Newark, now in the Asiatic station, shall be brought home to undergo repairs. Captain Bowman H. McCalla will bring her over later, taking command of the battleship Kearsarge.

The Eagle arrived at Key West.

Libel Suits Begun. (By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 29.—The libel actions brought against the Star and Morning Leader by Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Joseph Chamberlain, and Neville Chamberlain, as on of Arthur Chamberlain, in connection with War Office contracts, was begun to-day in the King's Bench Court. The plaintiffs claimed damages for serious attacks on their commercial integrity, including the statement that they have stooped to improper means in order to obtain contracts, against the Interests of the public service. The defendants pleaded that their articles did not libel the plaintiffs and were fair comment on matters of public interest.

Railroad Under the Hammer. (E) Associated Frest,)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. March 20.-A pecial to the Age-Herald from Gadsden.

OPINION TAINTED WITH POLITICS

Justice Clark Attacked by Witness for Defense.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

Expert Testimony Was Ruled Out by the Court.

MANY LAWYERS WERE ON HAND.

Defense Has Rested Its Case and Rebutta Testimony Was Heard - All the Evidence May Be Finished by Noon To-Day-Judge Montgomery Objected to Manner of Cross-Examination.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., March 20 .- The defense in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Furches and Associate Justice Douglas, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, rested their case at 5 o'clock this afternoon and an hour was devoted to hearing rebuttal testimony offered by prosecution. It is expected that all evidence will be in by noon to-morrow, provided the prosecution doesn't put Justice Walter Clark on the stand. If he goes on a very lively time is expected.

The witness for the defense to-day was Justice Montgomery, whose testimony was very harsh against Justice Clark, so much so that it is believed Clark will demand to testify in self-defense. TAINTED WITH POLITICS.

Montgomery testified that Judge Clark caused the whole trouble in the office-holding cases, that when opinions of a majority of the court were in favor of Democratic office-holders Judge Clark would concur, but in cases of Republican office-holders would offer a dissenting opinion. He said Clark's judicial opinions were tainted with polities. Montgomery's testimony was wholly in favor of the accused timony was wholly in favor of the accused judges and a rigid cross-examination by Hon. C. B. Watson failed to develop any advantage for the prosecution. REFUSED TO ANSWER.

At one time Judge Montgomery refused to answer questions unless propounded by Watson more respectfully and he be allowed to answer one question to his satisfaction before another was "ired" at him; that the questions asked in-volved his personal integrity and the conduct of his associates on the Supreme Court bench. Mr. Watson said he had not intended to be disrespectful and changed his method. The defense offered expert testimony as to the legality of the course of the judges in issuing the mandamus and in their ruling in the White case, but it was ruled out by the

Among the lawyers to have been intro-duced as experts were: Judge J. C. Mc-Rae, W. J. Montgomery, Col. H. C. Jones, Col. C. F. Warren, J. N. Hill, I. F. Dorch, Col. T. M. Argo and T. W. Bicket.

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

Stated Unequivocally That Mr. Wolcott Will Be Appointed. (By Associated Press.)

PUEBLO, COL., March 20.—The Daily Chieftain will say to-morrow: "It is definitely known here that ex-Senator Edward Wolcott, of Colorado, will be appointed by the President to be Secretary of the Interior, to succeed Mr. Hitchcock. The news has been received by the friends of Mr. Wolcott in this city, the statement being made unequivo-cally, and it is indicated that the appoint-ment will be made in Washington tomorrow."

Failed of Election. (By Associated Press.)

LINCOLN, NEB., March 29.-D. E. Thompson, of Lincoln, who was last night nominated for the United States Senate for the short term by the Republican raucus, failed of election in the joint se sion of the House and Senate to-day. He obtained 56 votes.

Mr Livingstone Better.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Dr. Sprigg said to-night that the condition of Representative Livingstone, of Georgia, was very encouraging. The crisis will be reached to-morrow.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

Local.

-Messrs. Martin and Swanson here to look after political matters.
-Attitude of labor people toward convention candidates.
-Republicans talk about making nominations in Richmond.
-Southern Baptist Press Association in session here.
-The Finance Committee to consider library matter next Monday night.
-Mrs. Raleigh Colston dies very unexpectedly.

pectedly.

-Miss Gay Ragland married to Mr.
Pleasants in Washington. State.

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-Jury secured in Coleman Sanders breach-of-promise suit at Lancaster Courthouse, and a witness testifies to the young lady's social standing.

-Three splendid vessels being built to ply between Newport News and Europe.

-Defense rests in the North Carolina impeachment trial.

-Finishing touch put on Spotsylvania's new court-house.

-Hot contest promised in nominating floater candidate for convention from Fauquier and Loudoun counties.

-Most important witness in Westmoreland murder case is critically ill.

-Newport News Chief of Police will have to sue for his salary.

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—A Canadian said to have inherited vast fortune from rich Virginian.

—Hanna and McKinley determine on slate for State of Ohio.

—The Maryland disfranchisement bill ready for the Governor's signature.

—An illicit distillery found in basement of New York tenement which turned out 350 gallons per doy. Situation at Tien Tsin is as yet un-

changed.

-indemnity negotiations make no pro-wo conspiracies on Czan's life proved wo conspirates on e zan's me proved futile.

—Surfkers in Marseilles stone troops, injuring a number of them.

—General Andre's presence in Curacoa thought to indicate serious revolutionary movement in Venezuela.